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In the Application of:
LAFFEND ET AL.

CASE NO: CR9715 US DIV
CONFIRM. NO.: 1504

APPLICATION NO.: 09/575,638

GROUP ART UNIT: 1653

FILED: MAY 22, 2000

EXAMINER: BUGAISKY, G.

FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON SOURCE TO 1,3-
PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION MAILED 11 MAY 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This document is filed in response to the communication, Paper 17, mailed 11 March 2003. It is filed on Monday, 12 May 2003, the first business day following Sunday, 11 May 2003. A signed Reply is enclosed to supply the undersigned's signature on the Reply first submitted on 26 November 2002. Please enter the amendments and remarks contained in the Reply and reconsider the application. The undersigned regrets any inconvenience to the Examiner.

The document is accompanied by a petition for a one month extension of time in which to answer and authorization for the appropriate fee.

Should any matter remain unresolved, please contact the undersigned as indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 110.00)

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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 750	2001 375	Utility filing fee	
1002 330	2002 165	Design filing fee	
1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
1004 750	2004 375	Reissue filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		-20** =	X 18 =	
Independent Claims		-3** =	X 84 =	
Multiple Dependent	YES		280 =	

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)		0.00

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	110.00
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809 375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810 375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801 375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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Signature	<i>Linda Axamethy Floyd</i>
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